



UTILITY PATENT

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In re application of: Yakov Epshteyn

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING A MATERIAL LAYER FROM A  
SUBSTRATE

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2003, relating to the above identified  
application, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks presented below.